Extreme Rock Climbing

"Click, click!" One rung after the other, I started to climb the 15 metre wall. Only at three metres high, my arm connections were ripping apart. It was like an impossible wall that I could not conquer but my spirit kept going.

Clinging with all my might, my knuckles became white mounds of flesh. Finally, I had reached the top of the Sky Tower! Well, time to go down! Let's hope I don't fall.

"Bang, bang." Climbing backwards, I felt so scared that I almost wanted to climb back up. Thud! For a minute, I thought it was all a dream. I had made it up the 15 metre wall and down again. Woohoo!!

By Benjamin

Totara Room

Year 6

Thunder

"Yaawn!" Stretching my arms, I was preparing to snuggle up with my cosy black blanket. I was a shot soldier falling down on to my heavenly bouncy bed.

Suddenly, bam! My ears heard a deafening noise out of nowhere. Terrifyingly, I pulled my blanket over my head. It was a shield protecting me. Thunder roared again. Shivering, I ambled slowly to my parents' room, leaning on the wall. Creak! My sweaty hands twisted the door handle.

All of a sudden ... I leapt onto my parents' comfy bed. I was a panther pouncing in the dark. Suddenly, it stopped. Ahhh!! I signed with relief. What a night!

By Paluki

Totara Room

Year 6

Waking up

**Walking briskly through the enchanting woods, my legs struggled to keep up with the energetic deer ... "Tweet". The paua shell-coloured tui's call was a knife slicing through my dream as its continuous song slowly brought me to my awakening senses.**

**Noooo! Snuggling deeper into my snow-white blanket, my eyes squeezed shut, frantically trying to snatch more sleep. With disappointment, my mind was now stranded on the island of awakeness.**

**Curling up, I was an afraid, prickly porcupine shivering under my sheets. Light flooded my room as my hands pushed the spotty curtains back. Shifting my gaze, my eyes glimpsed the rumpled beds of Elise and Adam. Slowly, I swung my lets over the edge of my warm fluffy bed. Do I have to get up?**

**By Tessa**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Silence**

Tick tock! Time ran away as walls closed in on me. I lay motionless and bit my tongue. Shall I tell or not? Rapidly, my head swirled, twisted and looped as brain cells drowned in a dozen risky thoughts.

Dun, dun, dun. Footsteps were a new hot trend quickly getting bigger and bigger. Creak! The sound of the groaning door was as loud as screaming bats in a dusty cave.

Walking in, I tried to resist. Heart pumping. Legs shaking. Hands swelling. I couldn't take it any longer. I had to tell. So my mouth did it ... and regreted it.

**By Isla**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

Fainting!

Sore head, everything disappearing. My mind went blank and the light soon faded into a pitch-black darkness. The only think my mind would accept was, "Will I wake up?"

Suddenly, blinks of light flickered before my eyes and soon, my brain started purring. It was a Ferrari engine getting ready to rumble. But ... my body wasn't budging. At that moment, there was something nudging me. "Wake up!" My body could feel the warm embrace of a hug. Soon, I was heaved up onto a delightful feathery filled pile of fluff. My frightened eyes started glistening like shimmering diamonds.

Pain took over. Everything was normal except the aching that was flooding my head. I hoped it would go away but it was going to take more time than just five minutes. Would tomorrow be a pain-free day?

By Sinead

Totara Room

Year 6

**Dark Night**

**In the pitch black night, I lay on my comfy bed, trying my best to fall asleep. But the monster ouside kept me awake ... the monster's wavy arms were like crispy noodles boiling in a pot. It's hair was leaves, swaying in the wind.**

**"Ahhh! What type of monster is that?" I yelled frightenedly. My thoughts had filled up with monsters. Should I go and have a look? Should I? Should I?**

**Then I crept up to my bedroom window to see what that thing really was - it was a ... tree. Finally now, my body could rest and go to sleep. I sighed. Nothing's better than a good night's sleep!**

**By Serena**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Afternoon Tea Noise**

**Bringggggg! Quickly, I rushed up the white ramp and tried to be as close as a friend you could have known all your life, to the transparent glass door. Dang! Charlotte, Tessa and I were all the way at the end as if we were all the way in India!**

**Slowly, I cubbed the crispy green apple hand sanitiser. It was a tiny kitten lying in the palm of my hands. My long legs took two hefty steps.**

**One. Two. Plonk! Quickly, my rare end was comfy as a massive teddy bear hugging me. "Year Sixes," shouted Malundi, fighting the dreadful noise of the loud children.**

**After everyone had eaten, we were given a delightful schedule for the afternoon. 'Yes, we're going to the enjoyable field,' I whispered in my head. Hopefully there won't be that much noise next time.**

**By Daisy**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Blackout**

**I was alone. The lights were off. I was scared. Walking over to the window, I peered out, seeing a thick mist wafting along the street. Squinting, my shivering face could just make out the wrinkled frame of an elderly man hobbling along. I shivered, waiting for the lights to come on ... but they didn't.**

**Suddenly, I heard a frantic melody of light footsteps. "Hello," I called out. "Is anybody there?" Inquisitively, I was a scorpion, scuttling down dark sand dunes. A slither of moonlight cut through the window and reflected off glass near me. "The power box!" Carefully, I started rewiring the controls. I was as scared as heck, paralysed to the spot where I was standing.**

**Footsteps started getting closer. And closer. The sweat pouring down my forehead was a waterfall, rushing down the cliff. I flicked a switch, took a step, then screamed ... a jagged shard of broken glass cut into my foot, a mountain of blood soon spilling onto the floor. I reached for the switch, fingertips quivering ... footsteps getting closer. I flicked the switch on and light immediately flooded the smelling room. No more footsteps came. I felt relieved.**

**By Eli**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Waking Up**

**"Yawn!" My legs were pieces of wood. My lazy head was still adjusting to the daylight. It was still part of my squishy pillow. Soon, I heard the distant sound of plot! plit! plot! Cereal was dribbling into my dad's bowl.**

**My eyes spotted the light switch which was surrounded by a desert of fluffy carpet. Slowly, elevating into the air, a gush of blood zoomed up into my head.**

**My legs slowly started to move like little gears to make my long legs lift up. With turning feet, I hit the cold floor. I was Neil Armstrong taking his first steps on the moon. "Click!" I flicked on the light switch and a pool of light flooded into my room. Good morning!**

**By Felix**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Paintball**

**Zip! My first time playing paintball had come. Just thinking about it made me scared! Before I knew it, I was walking down the hall full of guns and amo. My first map was 'Pyramids Capture the Flag'. I ducked down and took cover. "Three, two, one, go!"**

**"Bang!" The force shot me into the long grass. Like a missile, my return bullet hurtled at my opponent and skimmed his head. He glared at me and called for help ... that's when the adults came!**

**The machine gun fired at me like meteorites streaking down to the ground. Now, it was chaos. Some people were screaming and running around in circles. Suddenly, our base went quiet. Everybody started running away but when I knew why, it was too late. I'd been sniped. It was just the end of this round. Next round, I'd be ready!**

**By Thomas**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Awake**

**'No', I thought as my sweet dreams started to disappear into a pitch black abis. They had been a slideshow of photos. My mind captured glimpses of them before they ambled down to the back of my brain.**

**I lay there in bed. Eyes closed, mind blank except for one thought. 'Will I be able to sleep in?' Everything was still as I waited for a reply but I already knew that my eyes had to open soon.**

**Suddenly, I heard an ear-piercing noise. 'Beeeep!' My alarm clock sprung into life, forcing me to get out of bed. Bright, vivid colours stung my eyes. I was a statue lying there. I didn't want to get up, then ... I saw her - my mum standing in the doorway. "Get out of bed sleepyhead," she whispered.**

**Eva**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Power Cut**

**Ahh! Darkness filled the house like a deep cave. With the birds chirping, it sounded like ghosts were haunting the house. It was like a horror movie spawning into my imagination. Darkness folded around me. I was Peter Pan stranded on a tiny island.**

**Tick tock! Tick tock!. The clock whispered in the jet black chamber. Once we had lit some candles, the flickers of flames cut through the darkness like a knife, throwing strange shadows across the walls.**

**All of a sudden, the room lit up like a Christmas tree. Light flooded the house and the whirring of machines came back to life. The silence was broken!**

**By Reece**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**Not Awake Yet**

**Waking up in the morning, I saw something. Something blurry like a dragon's breath outside my bedroom window. I looked again. Freaky green fingers and brown skin ... it was just a tree!**

**Wriggling like a worm, I was a mole digging into my blanket of dirt trying to get to sleep. But my turtles were banging on the window of their tank, keeping me awake.**

**With tired red eyes, I soon realised it was no longer Sunday. Eight o'clock. I ran to the shower. That made me wake up!**

**By Peter**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**The Smoke Alarm**

**Beep! Beep! I suddenly opened my droopy eyes. My smoke alarm, screeching loudly, was an ear-piercing sound. Still half asleep, I lifted my huge white puffy duvet and slouched along the woollen carpet. My hand slowly twisted the door knob. Creak! As I pushed it open, it creaked like a rattly old scooter on an old bumpy tar road.**

**Suspiciously, I crept down the hallway. Questions were buzzing in my head like a swarm of wasps fighting over food. I rushed into my parents' room and ripped the blanket off the bed. I was a furious tiger tearing up its prey. Hurriedly, I screamed out, "Smoke, smoke, smoke." Mum and Dad were sloths at getting out of bed, sadly, but after they heard the smoke alarm, they really did move!**

**We rushed down the hallway and my dad flung open the kitchen door. Flames rapidly shot out and burnt everything. My mum grabbed the telephone and zoomed outside. Beep. Beep. Beep (111). Suddenly, eeaww, eeaww, eeaww. A glistening red fire truck whizzed into our driveway. Within a few seconds, crystal clear water shot out of the hose as fast as a bullet train in Japan. We all stood there in silence ... what a night!**

**Hamish**

**Totara Room**

**Evacuate!**

**Evacuate! Rushing to get through the creaky wooden door, I was a spotty speedy leopard leaping out of my seat. The deafening school bell was ringing loudly, echoing around the concrete covered courts. Although we were scurrying into open air, we were as dead silent as the pitch black night. Speechlessly, we strolled towards the massive field.**

**On the luscious, fresh grass, we stood, patiently waiting for the announcement that we could head back to our warm, toasty classroom. We were tranquil, motionless statues standing in the fresh landscape. After a while, Mrs Jamieson reported that we could proceed back to our class.**

**Breathing a huge sigh of relief, I was an exhausted high school student that had just completed an exam. Our trek back to class was done in absolute silence. A lovely cool breeze whispered to us as it whipped across the desolate courts. What a way to spend the morning!**

**By Calum**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**Raining Tacos**

**'Grrrrr!' Hunger annoyed me as I waited patiently for the delicious beauty of tacos. My body slid down to the fuzzy carpet below me. There it went again - grumbles and grumbles of starvingness. Finally, it stopped. My ears pricked up at the sound of dinner plates clanging against the table.**

**Within the blink of an eye, I bolted straight to the comforting white chair. My hands snatched the flawless multi-flavoured taco. All eyes were on me. Crunch! I took the first bite and devoured my way through it. "Mmmmmmmm," now that was a mouthful!**

**Only one lonely taco left on the pate. Two hands reached for it - mine and my sister's. "Paper, rock scissors!" mum interrupted. Three rounds and it will all be over. Last round. "Paper, rock, scissors ..."**

**"Yes!" I had won. My mouth gobbled it in a second. It was glory. I felt like it was raining tacos.**

**By Mark Latu**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Petrifying Power Cut**

**"Aaahhh!" Mysterious noises suddenly frightened my drowsy head. My confused mind thought that a creepy creature was lurking in my peaceful house. Whoosh! Gusts of wind were waves of a tsunami destroying a miniature city. My ears felt frustrated like a nervous student patiently waiting for a fantastic grade.**

**"What happened?" I sluggishly ambled around the house trying to find my little siblings. "Booo!" My brother abruptly terrified me. It looked like my house was quickly becoming haunted - no light could be seen.**

**"This is annoying," whispered my brother. All of a sudden, the light came back to life. I felt joyous and exhausted. Finally, it was over!**

**By Etimoni**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Rainbow's End**

**"Yeah," I shouted cheerfully. I couldn't wait. As soon as I walked inside, my aching legs jogged with excitement to the nearest ride.**

**I was a dizzy spinning top going around and around, up and down.**

**With a pumping heart, I scrambled onto the tall Fear Fall. I was as nervous as a little boy giving a school speech. It felt like I was in an elevator going up and down.**

**When I leapt off, my legs were jelly wobbling from side to side. Was I going to vomit any time soon?**

**By Iziah**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Getting a Present**

**In the early morning, I could see a dragon's breath covering Earth's green skirt. As I stepped out into the cold, I saw cotton wool sitting in the sky. It had come down to block our view.**

**We drove down the black ribbon of road to a luxury-filled chocolate shop. Luckily, it was open. I could see a variety of dark brown, edible heaven. Choosing was like deciding between your mum and your dad, it was so hard!**

**Eventually, me and my dad decided on a bag of glorious chocolates and a scrumptious blueberry muffin. We arrived home just in time to put the presents on the bench with my special card ... just before mum woke up!**

**Katie**

**Totara Room**

**School**

**"Brring, brring." The Alrm set off awakening my sould. With my weak hand, I reached out to turn it off. I had no intention of waking up when I saw the time ... 7.45? I was a firework flying into the sky.**

**As I woke up, I had a nice long stretch and with squited eyes, I ambled into teh bathroom. I was in an icy fridge. Brushing my teeth and changing into my uniform, I went into the kitchen to have my breakfast.**

**After that, I put on my shoes and mum dropped me off to my best brilliant school Vrooommm! Then she was on her way to work!**

**Vimica**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Climbing**

**"Click!" The metallic carabena firmly grabbed my harness. Climbing. Climbing. Climbing. I was a professional climber scaling a skyscraper. Oh, oh! My sweating hands slipped. I just grabbed back on the 500 metre wall. I felt like the wall would never end.**

**I felt like I was climbing for five hours. Would it end? Finally, I made it. I was an eagle soaring down from its tree of prey. I finally released myself from my confinements.**

**"Click!" The shining carabena gripped my harness. I started climbing. I couldn't stop. I wouldn't stop. I kept on climbing. Half way there ... I looked down. My muscles turned to ice. Frozen in place. I was a statue. I wouldn't move. I couldn't move. Finally, the ice melted away.**

**By Ciaran**

**Year 6**

**Totara Room**

**Unforgettable Fuse**

**Darkness flooded the room. A cold shiver shot down my spine. There was an ear-splitting scream from above. It was a werewolf's deadly howl communicating to the other dangerous creatures. Reluctantly, my motionless body turned on the spot. Frightened, my eyes watched a dark figure bouncing down the stairs, hitting silhouetted walls and crashing into the echoing rails. My body shook. My legs trembled. I closed my eyes. Then I opened them; I looked at the creature - it was just my brother, Jack!**

**A spontaneous spotlight shone down on us; the stage's performers. The light, coming from a crack in the door, was small but bright and as we looked closer, we realised it was a tiny torch belonging to my dad. Jack's heavy breathing stopped and my body felt safe and warm. Like stupid sheep following each other, we were Daddy's little ducklings as we obediently waddled behind him. But then we realised our destination ... the garage! Our petrified eyes looked into the deep, mysterious black of the garage. Once again, fear struck my body, my heart beat 100 miles per hour and my breathing slowed. We were walking right into the jaws of darkness. I was a headless chicken as my body retreated to safety. I closed my eyes tight and wished for light.**

**Phew! My eyes opened to bright splendid light defeating deadly darkness. My mouth smiled gently and let out a small sigh. I looked around, light still blinding me. I had never wanted light more, and now I had it! I will never forget that unforgettable fuse!**

**By Aimee**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**The Most Magnificent Morning at Magical Mangawhai**

**Rustle, rustle, rustle. My sheets were alive. Hiding under my thin layers, I slowly started to open my eyes. Unhappily, I started to reveal my face to the bright world around me. I glimpsed around. The sun burned my eyes. Ducking back under the duvet, trying to fall back to sleep, I heard the most beach noise ever ...**

**The seagulls were babies screeching for their mums. Trying to forget about the annoying noise, I hugged my teddy comfortingly. My parents shooed them away but their resonance was echoing back at me. I finally got up. Man, was I in for a TREAT!**

**My weak fingers unzipped the khaki-coloured tent. Adjusting to the cold breeze, I opened my eyes wide and ran to the inch-high white fence and looked out to the elegant estuary. In the distance, I spotted a group of dolphins. They were flipping and flying and chasing each other. What a wonderful world!**

**Charlotte**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**Fire Drill**

**Ding! Dong! My heart skipped a beat, sweat slowly meandering down. I was a cowering antelope hiding from a ravenous lion. I followed the others in line like we were an ocean of soldiers marching with courage and pride. It was time to evacuate ...**

**I was a vulture observing my surroundings. I gazed around me. The class were like a horde of zombies infecting a town. The school was flooded. My thoughts were a whirlpool twirling rapidly in my confused mind. Was there really a fire somewhere?**

**"Stand in line," Mrs Withy shrieked. I ambled to the back and stood like a statue in a museum. The trees glared, the wind stroked me softly. I waited ... and waited ...**

**Robert**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**The time I didn't know whether to tell or not**

**"Yay!" Haoouktm I was playing in the playground when I heard 'bang, bang'. Some strange noises were coming from behind the swing. I got really frightened. "Who's there?" but all I could hear were the birds singing softly. I was about to say something again when I saw pink shoes. Uhhh, I think I saw these shoes somewhere else. I closed my eyes and tried to remember but I could not remember. So I opened my eyes and ot shocked. My body was as still as a statue. It was my friend standing in front of me.**

**"What are you doing here?" loudly I shouted. "Ssshhh" My friend whispered back to me. "I am here to tell you a secret. We don't like homework so I am not going to do mine and neither are you. Don't say that to anyone. Bye." I couldn't say a word, I was standing straight like a soldier with my mouth wide open. I was so confused whether to tell or not. Quickly, I sprinted back home, went in my bedroom and smashed the door.**

**By Mink**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Double Darkness**

**Ha! Ha! Ha! Laughter grew louder and louder like seagulls squarking and fighting over shellfish, but suddenly ... darkness fell upon us. Quickly, I popped up shoving my comfortable duvet out of my way, and frantically sprinted to my parents' room.**

**"Are you OK?" I asked worriedly. "Yep," answered my parents simultaneously. Annoyingly, my sister cried because she couldn't get to sleep. It was just too dark, but I hid underneath my duvet.**

**Light finally came to cheer me up. Sadly, it was only a shining torch but on the bright side, my sister's tears dried up. On the other hand, my sleeping brother snored like a hungry monster's stomach.**

**Nivea**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Blackout**

**Hamish and I were just chatting to each other when suddenly ... sizt, sizt. It was a snake hissing. Stop. Start. Stop. Start. Then suddenly, blackness.**

**We decided to make a hut. Hamish and I argued about how we were going to make it. Eventually, we made the dumbist decision we'd made that day ... we fought smack, punch kick.**

**By Cameron**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Kick It**

**'Creak!' went the decrepit motorbike stand. I put on my rough motorbike gloves and then slipped on my helmet. The buckles were like little soft hands clutching onto my bony chin.**

**Carefully, I slipped my prepared leg over the seat of the mechanical monster. My foot edged towards the rusty kick-start pedal. While clutching on for life, my fingers wrapped around the handle bars like a little boy gripping to his mum on the first day of school. Then I kicked it ...**

**The monster roared into life and let out its inner beast. While clasping the clutch with my long fingers, my foot clicked down into first gear. Then I rode off ... into an awaiting adventure!**

**By Matthew Rippon**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Snorkling with Sharks**

**It was a sunny afternoon. I was putting on my wetsuit. Splash! My naughty little brother had pushed me into the tropical water.**

**As black as a shadow, something slid past me. I felt a shiver run up my spine. I looked under the water to see a five metre long whale shark ... right beside me!**

**"EEEEKKKKKK," I cried as I jumped out of the water onto the boat. Australia really is a weird place!**

**By Adam Thompson**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Power Cut**

**"Turn it off!" The alarm was an annoying timer that I couldn't turn off. My body reluctantly tumbled out of my lavish, fluffy cloud and turned around to the clock. No numbers?**

**My eyes searched around the house. Finding out if there was power was as simple as solving two plus two. No power! I was a panicking kid who had to say a speech in front of the whole school.**

**Next minute ... BAM! Suddenly, my mind changed paths. I set up the junior scientists' set. Unfortunately, my mind was on pins and needles. My fear was a flood, drowning some good news. I made some pretend potions. Unexpectedly, my ears heard a strange, brisk beep, beep noise. "Light is going to fill almost every corner of the laboratory ... or not?" The power was back on a minute later, but it was already lit up enough!**

**By Christopher**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Blackout**

**Peacefully, I was watching TV when suddenly, I heard a horrible resonance coming from the power lines. "Wait. Never mind." It was just my dad snoring monotonously. He was a ravenous T-Rex sound asleep after hunting for a meal.**

**ZZZ! Boom! The power line exploded into tiny pieces. The room turned pitch black. Smoke, trailing from the power line, was a furious dragon's meaty breath. I strutted bravely towards the neared wall and walked through the hallway, quivering with fear. I heard my sister echoing like a gladly ghost roaming a haunted house.**

**It started to get cold. My brother was not cold because he was bouncing off the walls. I toppled over on a book ... then I looked up! "Arrggghhh!" I howled. There was a great big zombie with an axe in its back. Suddenly, I heard someone exploding with laughter. "Nice prank, Hamish," I giggled. "Ha ha ha," he echoed. Classic, Hamish!**

**By Neel**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**Waking Up**

**Eyes open. Feed moving. Light switch far away. My hands clasped the patterned, cosy duvet. My blood took the XXX to my XXX. Shaving the sheets off my bed, my body shivered from the icy air as birds chirped their calming tune.**

**The light switch, billions of metres away was my next mission. My feet touched the ground. My XXXXX cells started sprinting on treadmills. My brain fully woke up. My hand was a crane moving sluggishly to the pearl-white light switch. Flick!**

**My pupils were a scared little boy, cowering XXXXX. My eyelids, they twitched from side to side checking for danger. Fortunately, there was none. My eyes were like a crane elevating slowly to the sky. My mouth opened ... Yaaawwwnnn! I took two small steps forward. Eyes open. Feet moving. Lights shining brightly. I was awake.**

**By Luke**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**

**Christmas Morning**

**Lazily spreading my arms out, I was a sleepy little butterfly waking from my peaceful night's sleep. I tip-toed to my presents and wondered, "What have I got?" I was dreaming of all the things that Santa had dropped off. Oh, how great I felt, staring at my huge red sack of new gifts. I couldn't wait to open them.**

**Impatiently, I ripped open my very first present. Screaming and shouting with excitement, I had rosy red cheeks. Tears were dripping in joy. "It's a Mac book air pro computer. OMG! I can't believe it!" I shouted. Let's open our next amazing gifts. "I can't wait much longer. Come on. Come on Katie. Please finish unwrapping yours. Hurry. Hurry." Incredibly noisily, I opened my next present in suspense. I dreamed of what could be coming next. "Really?" I bellowed out loud. "This is the best!" I was so excited. This was the best Christmas ever. Hoorrraay!**

**Click! Click! My computer was plugged in. Waiting. Waiting. Waiting... and done. I was so pleased when it was ready to use. It was the colour of a soft white fluffy blanket, covering its precious case. That's how my crazy cool Christmas morning started.**

**By Elle**

**Totora Room**

**Year 6**

**Blackout**

**zzzzzz! Flicking furiously, darkness took over. Electricity fizzled like an opened soda can frantically releasing energy. Suddenly, blackness covered the house and darkness swarmed around me like a colony of wasps circling rotten apples.**

**Carefully, as I scanned around for my mum, I saw a scary shadow. I was a frightened armadillo wrapping up into a coil.**

**Ding! Suddenly, brightness covered the house like an invisible, fluffy blanket cuddling my exhausted body. Finally, the lights were on! What an exciting but petrifying experience.**

**By Bryun**

**Totara Room**

**Year 5**

**Storm!**

**Crash! The lights were lightning flickering uncontrollably out of nowhere. Darkness monster groans echoed through the kitchen. Utensils rattled and banged - the noise was petrifying. A sense of fear lingered in my mind as glass shattered into thousands of pieces all over the marble floor.**

**Suddenly, there was nothing but silence. I was a statue in the dark. Waiting, waiting and waiting forever. I stayed in the corner, frightened and alone.**

**Knock! Knock. The door opened. Candles lashed their orange hair back and forth in the dark night as the room became flooded with light. Clack. Clack. All of a sudden, footsteps tramped on the shiny floor. My parents walked in and my heart immediately filled with joy. The storm was over. Everything was calm again.**

**By George**

**Totora Room**

**Year 6**

**Should I Tell?**

**"Psssst!" Suddenly, a noise came out of an old oak tree. Tiptoeing along the cold concrete, I tried not to scream. When I looked behind the tree, I saw ... my BFF, Vanessa. She sat me down and told me a secret.**

**My eyes squinted. My mouth was a dark cave. Could I keep a secret? "Look Vanessa, you know I can't keep a secret!"**

**"Well, you just have to for one day. Tomorrow, you can spill it out!" she whispered. "OK," I agreed.**

**Two terrible hours later, I was sweating like a worn out athlete. It was dreadful. When I got to school, ... BOOM. I spilled the secret. "Vanessa is an alien from Mars!" Everybody laughed so hard, they were about to pop their heads out. Soon, she came and screamed, "April Fools' prank!"**

**At least Vanessa wasn't an alien!**

**By Preeta**

**Totara Room**

**Year 6**